GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether villages of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar along the Indo-Nepal border are allegedly by being encroached upon by Nepal;

(b) if so, whether detailed information has been sought for by the Union Government in this regard;

(c) whether such villages have been given/are being given citizenship of Nepal by the Nepal Government;

(d) if so, the total number of such villages given citizenship by Nepal; and

(e) the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a)-(e) There are differences of perception in some regions on the alignment of boundary between India and Nepal; the major differences exist in regions such as Narsahi, Susta in Bihar and Kalapani in Uttaranchal. The shifting of course in Susta region of the Gandak river, the mid-stream of which formed the boundary as per Treaty of Sugauli of 1816, has resulted in claims/counterclaims by both sides in this segment. Government is constantly monitoring the situation with a view to prevent encroachments by the Nepalese side.

India and Nepal have established a Joint Technical Committee, with the objective of inter alia resolving the differences of perception on the alignment of boundary in various segments. The JTC is yet to complete its mandated tasks. Government has reiterated from time to time to Government of Nepal the need for an early resolution of the differences of perception and the need for maintaining status quo in these regions pending resolution of differences of perception. Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) has been deployed along the Indo-Nepal border and it has instructions to ensure that there are no encroachments on the Indian territory.